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Fourth Sunday in Lent



Hauke Musicaloris "This is the way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."
John 14:6 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Some of our liturgy this morning is taken from Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2004).

PRELUDE: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

FRANKLIN RITTER/HUGH WILSON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit

God's love is poured into our hearts

Rom. 5:5

OPENING HYMN #446: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

JOHN NEWTON

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them when they pray.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

CONFESSIONAL LITANY

Our time of telling the truth about ourselves in Lent will be spoken with a sung congregational response:

HYMN 204 *"Stay with Me" (Glory to God)*

Stay with me;
remain here with me;
watch and pray.
Watch and pray.

Here we are; it's us again -
bothering you, and wondering
if we would want to be bothered.

HYMN 204 *"Stay with Me" (Glory to God)*

Yet here we are, too late to turn back,
ground down by evil, lifted up by hope,
and reaching out
for more than we see, hear, conceive or imagine.

HYMN 204 *"Stay with Me" (Glory to God)*

Sorry about last week.
Things got on top of me.
I walked on by; turned up the volume.
Left you to get on with
what was mine to do.

HYMN 204 *"Stay with Me" (Glory to God)*

All right,
never mind the accidents and the failures,
let's do a deal:
Sorry for the things that I knew were wrong,
alone or in company,
but went ahead and did
or left undone.

"It's us again" – David Coleman

HYMN 204 *"Stay with Me" (Glory to God)*

silence

God, if anyone can cope with us you can.
Here is all the stuff that weighs us down –
you won't look the other way.
But take it off our hands.
Set us free. Forgive us.
And show us, here and now,
the people you know we can be.
Glory to you through all you shape and love.
Peace to every creature.

HYMN 204 *"Stay with Me" (Glory to God)*

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

Our Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings during Lent will be spoken with a sung congregational response:

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

The Lord is my light,
my light and salvation:
in God I trust;
in God I trust.
(sung 2x)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

PSALM 145:10-13

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 778

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

JOHN 14:1-14

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1312

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 842 *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

HYMN OF THE DAY #333: *Seek Ye First*

KAREN LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, Alleluia!

TIME OF PRAYER

Our Time of Prayer during Lent begin and end a sung congregational response:

HYMN 471 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (Glory to God):*

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Time of silent prayer and meditation

LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

HYMN 471 *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (Glory to God):*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Instead of Me*

PHIL & LYNNE BROWER / ARR. BY DON WYRTZEN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Way"*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN #462: *I Love to Tell the Story (Glory to God)*

KATHERINE HANKEY

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. **[Refrain]**

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. **[Refrain]**

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

CLOSING RESPONSES

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT" – RUTH BURGESS

Shield us God, with your crook and your staff
Bring us safely home.
Guide us God, with your truth and your goodness
Bring us safely home.
Encourage us God, with your oil and your kindness
Bring us safely home.
Shepherd us God, walk with us always
Bring us safely home.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Nothing But the Blood*

TOM BIRCHWOOD/ROBERT LOWRY

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn Story

I Love to Tell the Story

Arabella Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) was born into a family both devout and prosperous. As to religion, they were Anglicans of the Clapham Sect—a group of Christians under the influence of William Wilberforce, one of England's leading abolitionists and proponents of missionary work.

At age eighteen, Kate moved to London to teach a Bible class for factory girls, and continued that work for more than a decade. Then at age thirty she became seriously ill. She was forced to cease work and endure bed rest for a year. During that time, she wrote a very long poem—one hundred verses.

After she recovered from her long illness, the speaker at a large convention quoted parts of her poem. William Doane (1832-1915) happened to be in the audience and was entranced by the poetry. Doane was a successful businessman who happened to love Christian music. During his lifetime he composed the music for hundreds of hymns, and edited a number of hymn collections.

Upon hearing Kate's poem, Doane was inspired to use part of it as the basis for the hymn, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

Later, William Fischer did something similar with another part of Kate's poem. The result was the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story."

After recovering from her illness, Kate resumed her teaching ministry with factory girls. Toward the end of her life, she began a prison ministry. Her life bore testimony to the fact that she loved both to hear and to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

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Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041.

You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypreschurch.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tina Patterson and Kim Snyder)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

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TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

This class is using our denomination’s *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, March 30th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, April 3rd :- Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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